

PRINCESS OF PLESS.

Considered by Many the Handsomest Woman in Europe.

One of the Most Popular Ladies at the Courts of England, Germany and Austria—Comes of Famous Ancestry.

With one accord Princess Henry of Pless has been hailed as the belle of the last season in London. The sister-in-law of Lady Randolph Churchill and own sister of the handsome young duchess of Westminster, with her masses of light golden hair, her blue eyes and superb figure, divided with the duchess of Marlborough honors at the recent Anglo-American coronation bazar. As one of the intimate friends of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, as well as on account of her beauty, she was one of the most courted women at the different royal soirees held during the season, and ordinarily unbending London hostesses vied with each other to secure her presence at their balls and receptions.

Although the princess is the wife of a German nobleman—she married Prince Henry in 1891—and is as welcome a guest at the kaiser's court as at that of Edward VII., she spends by far the greater part of the year in her native land. She is the eldest daughter of Col. Cornwallis West and his handsome wife, all of whose children have made brilliant matches.

The duke of Westminster, who chose as his duchess Princess Henry's younger sister, Sheila, is, of course, the greatest land owner in London, and one of the richest men in England. The family was not over-pleased when George Cornwallis West, after being wounded in South Africa and nursed back to health on the Maine by Lady Randolph Churchill, decided to marry his titled attendant. Their objections were, however, made only on account of the difference in age of the "parties," and the union seems to be a happy one.

Although Princess Henry of Pless spends comparatively so little time at



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her husband's castle at Furstenstein, she is immensely popular with the German people, who, on account of her delicate beauty, have named her "the fairy princess." The kaiser dotes on her. As soon as he heard that she was to have a stall at the coronation bazar his majesty sent her over a particularly choice lot of German chinaware to be sold, and when William II.'s yacht, Meteor, was at Cowes last autumn, the princess and her husband were invited to use her as if she were their own. Both the kaiser and King Edward wanted to be god-father to the princess' only son, so the two monarchs divided the honor, and the proud mother recompensed them by naming her baby boy Wilhelm Albert Edward.

The princess, as a true English girl, both hunts and boats well. Though born without a title, she was by no means overwhelmed by the rank brought to her by her marriage, for she has always been especially proud of her ancestry. On her father's side she traces her pedigree straight back to Henry III. of England, while on that of her mother, who was Mary FitzPatrick, granddaughter of the marquis of Headford, the princess claims descent from the Celtic kings, who, as she gayly says, "were lorded it in Great Britain when German princelings were in the robber baron stage."

The family of Prince Henry, who, by the way, is almost as fond as his wife of being in England, is, however, of great antiquity, its present head being the fifteenth of his line. Its history deals with conquest and diplomacy in four or five different kingdoms.

Measuring Depth of Sleep.
Recent investigations by two physicians at Rome as to the depth of sleep have been carried on by means of an instrument called an "ethesometer," invented by Prof. Griessbach. This instrument probes the flesh of the sleeper with pins of steel, varying in sharpness. A register of the depth of sleep is thus provided by means of the amount of pain inflicted necessary to awake the subject.

Cows Dine on Dynamite.
Thirty sticks of dynamite were unintentionally left by some telephone line-men on the farm of Claude Peters, at Martinsburg, Pa. Thirteen of his Holstein cows found the dynamite, and fought for its possession. There was enough to go round, and gave them each a meal of that explosive. This was their last feast, for the 13 passed peacefully out of existence.

Ripe Age for Business.
Charles T. Yerkes is said to claim that men are merely in their apprenticeship until they are 40, and that 50 is the ripe age of the business man.

LADY HENRY SOMERSET.

Temperance Leader Deplores the Increase of Drunkenness Among English Women.

Lady Henry Somerset has just returned to this country, after an absence of several years.

"There is one thing that gives me great grief on this trip," said the president of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance union, as her face grew sad. "I miss Frances Willard. She always met me at the pier when I came here. Now she is gone."

Lady Somerset does not look a day older than when she was in America last, nor has she lost the fire of her purpose. She responded quickly when asked various questions regarding in-



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temperance, and described England as "a drunken nation." As for Mrs. Carrie Nation, she laughed heartily over the Kansas amazon, said that she was misguided and that her efforts to reform drunkards did more harm than good.

Lady Somerset handled the question of canteen in the army without gloves, and said that the time was not far distant when intoxicating liquor would not be tolerated even in the English army.

"Drunkenness is on the increase in England," said Lady Somerset. "I am really ashamed to tell the American people in what a deplorable state the United Kingdom is. It has become a nation of drunkards. It seems hopeless to work for its reformation. In the army alone, the very place where one would expect to find it, less spirits are used than formerly."

"The increase in intoxication at home is due to the spread of the disease among women. I am very sorry to hear that women in America are drinking more than formerly. I cannot believe it. I had such great hope of American women. They always seemed to have more backbone and will power than my country women."

"To illustrate to you how women abroad have taken to drink, I want to say that about 15 years ago the average of arrests in London for intoxication was four men to one woman. Now it is three women to one man."

"Why is it? Well, one of the chief reasons is that there has been too much privacy about the public houses of late, and women are now able to go to any of them without being seen by the public."

"The increase in drink among women has naturally made a great increase in crime. The reason is apparent. Women are more excitable, sensitive and nervous in drink than men, and in this condition will commit crime more readily. The school bill that was passed prohibiting the sale of liquor to children under 14 years has stopped drunkenness to some extent, but it is only a drop in the bucket."

WILLIAM C. MAYBURY.

Michigan Politician Who Proposed Conference of Mayors to Discuss Coal Strike.

Mayor William C. Maybury, of Detroit, who initiated the movement for a conference of governors and mayors on the subject of the an-



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(Mayor of Detroit and Friend of Striking Coal Miners.)

thratic coal strike and who met with hearty responses to his call for such meeting, was known as a peacemaker and compromiser even before he became a national factor in politics; but he was also known as a hard fighter when he confronted a stubborn adversary. Mayor Maybury has served two terms in congress, has been mayor of Detroit for five years, and two years ago was the unanimous nominee of the democrats for governor of Michigan.

Dieted Herself to Death.
To reduce her weight, a San Francisco lady fasted 45 days. She succeeded to a greater extent than she intended, for just as she became gracefully slim death transformed her into an angel.

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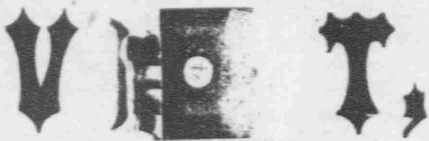
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